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SUBJECT: LAOS WILL CONSIDER ATTENDING JULY APHIS SEMINAR IN
VIETNAM

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Econoff met May 14 with Deputy Director General (DDG) Bounsom Phommavihane of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to discuss the upcoming regional SPS seminar in Ho Chi Minh City (reftel). DDG Phommavihane was interested in the opportunity but unable to give a firm answer as to Laos' attendance. He told Econoff he would share the information with the appropriate officials throughout the Lao government and hoped to make a decision on the GOL's attendance following a meeting of ASEAN economic officers May 22-24 in Chiang Mai. He intends to raise the issue with his counterparts and seek their advice. We will continue to urge the Lao government to attend.

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